[Translation]

Scheme to Link Rivers

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme to link the rivers of the country with each other so that the country may not have to face floods, droughts, loss of lives and property, is still under consideration of the Government, and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to implement the said scheme and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) Yes, Sir. National Perspective for Water Resources Development has been prepared by Government which envisages inter linkages between various peninsular revers and Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water surplus basing to water starved basins for optimum utilisation of water Resources. Government has established National Water Development Agency (N.W.D.A.) in 1982 to prepare feasibility repotrs for the water transfer links. 36 water transfer links 17 under Peninsular Component and 19 under Himalayan Component have been proposed.

(b) The studies carried out the Agency for various water transfer links are sent to the concerned states for their comments/ suggestions. These comments/ suggestions alongwith the clarifications thereon by the Agency are discussed in the Technical Advisory Committee of the National Water Development Agency. The link projects can be considered for implementation after necessary agreements are reached amongst concerned States and therefore no time limit can be given.

Drainage System

487 SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drainage system of Fatehpur, Banda, Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh has been technically cleared by the Chief Engineer of Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and Jal Sansthan;

(b) if so, the total funds spent on the said work so far and the time by which the work is likely to be completed;

(c) the funds made available during current financial year;

(d) whether the Government are considering to conduct an enquiry into the works done by the Superintending Engineer, and

(e) if so, the time by which the enquiry is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) No drainage system of Fatehpur, Banda and Allahabad District has been technically approved by Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam. Also Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam does not prepare & technically approve the drainage system schemes for the Districts.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[English]

National Library

488 SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any projects for the expansion of National Library in Calcutta are pending with the Government, and

(b) if so, the time by which those will be cleared and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pakistan Sponsored Terrorism

489 SHRI JAG MOHAN Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether leaders of the Group of Seven and Russia have approved in the last week of June, 1996 a 40-point Plan to fight crime and terrorism;

(b) whether Government propose to invite the attention of these laeaders to Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and suggest to them to put pressure on Pakistan to end its sponsorship of terrorism in Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The attention of the Leaders of Group of Seven and Russia has been drawn at various levels during bilateral talks as well as at international fora, to Pakistan sponsored terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. This is an issue which is regularly discussed with the G-7 Governments in the course of diplomatic interaction.

Visa to Pak Nationals

490 DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue maximum number of visas to Pak nationals to visit India;